

REMARKS

Claim 1 and the corresponding portion of the specification have been amended to correct a typographical error in the definition of Z, and to remove a superfluous comma from the definition of R. Support for these amendments can be found in the original versions, wherein the variable R was defined but inadvertently not used in the definition of Z. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Conclusion


In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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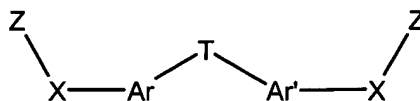


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Marked-up version of replacement paragraph of the specification showing changes made

On page 19, and continued onto page 20, please replace the last paragraph with the following paragraph:

In certain embodiments, the present invention relates to a compound represented by 1:



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wherein

X represents independently for each occurrence a bond, O, S, or NR';

Z represents independently for each occurrence [H] R, acyl, trialkylsilyl, alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or S(O)₂OH;

Ar and Ar' are independently selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted aryl and heteroaryl;

T represents a covalent tether connecting Ar and Ar', wherein said covalent linker comprises an amide, ether, amine or ester moiety;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, [,]aryl, or aralkyl;

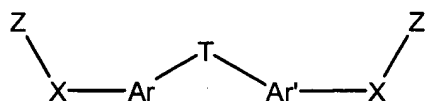
R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, formyl, acyl, sulfonyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₈₀ represents independently for each occurrence aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or heterocyclyl; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

Marked-up version of amended claim 1 showing changes made

1. (**amended**) A compound represented by 1:



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wherein

X represents independently for each occurrence a bond, O, S, or NR';

Z represents independently for each occurrence [H] R, acyl, trialkylsilyl, alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or S(O)₂OH;

Ar and Ar' are independently selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted aryl and heteroaryl;

T represents a covalent tether connecting Ar and Ar', wherein said covalent linker comprises an amide, ether, amine or ester moiety;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, [,]aryl, or aralkyl;

R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, formyl, acyl, sulfonyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₈₀ represents independently for each occurrence aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or heterocyclyl; and

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